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SUBJ: SON OF RULER OF RAS AL-KHAIMAH SEEKS ADMISSION TO HARVARD

1. EMB HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM GOVT OF RAS AL-KHAIMAH ADVISING THAT SHAIKH SAUD BIN SAQR AL-QASSIMI, SON OF RULER OF RAS AL-KHAIMA (RAK) SEEKS ADMISSION TO HARVARD COLLEGE. LETTER REQUESTED EMB'S GUIDANCE HOW THIS APPLICATION CAN BEST BE PURSUED. SHAIKH SAUD, WHO PRESENTLY ATTENDING AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT (AUB) PRESUMABLY AS FRESHMAN, WISHES TO ENTER HARVARD AS EITHER TRNASFER STUDENT OR FRESHMAN FOR 74-75 ACADEMIC YEAR, IF THAT IS STILL POSSIBLE. OTHERWISE, HE SEEKS ADMISSION THE FOLLOWING YEAR. SAUD'S AGE UNKNOWN BUT HE THOUGHT TO BE ABOUT 18. EMB IS REPLYING TO LETTER ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. GOVT OF RAK SHOULD APPLY DIRECTLY TO HARVARD COLLEGE IN BEHALF OF SHAIKH SAUD SOONEST SINCE APPLICATIONS FOR FALL TERM USUALLY NOT CONSIDERED BY ADMISSIONS OFFICE AFTER MARCH; COLLEGE CONCEIVABLY MIGHT MAKE EXCEPTION FOR LATE ADMISSION IN CASE OF SHAIKH SAUD, IN VIEW OF FACT HE IS FIRST SON OF ANY UAE RULING FAMILY TO SEEK ENTRY TO HARVARD, OR FOR THAT MATTER ON DEGREE BASIS TO ANY US UNIVERSITY. LETTER EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT IT OUR UNDERSTANDING HARVARD HAS NO PROCEDURE PERMITTING PROVISIONAL ADMISSION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS, THEREFORE SAUD'S APPLICATION WOULD HAVE TO

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BE CONSIDERED SOLELY ON ITS MERITS, I.E. APPLICANT MUST MEET

ESTABLISHED ADMISSION AND ACADEMIC CRITERIA. WE ALSO SUGGESTED RAKG MAY WISH TO WRITE DIRECTLY ON SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING HARVARD PROFESSORS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN UNIVERSITY'S ME CENTER, DR. MOHSEN MAHDI, DR. RICHARD FRYE, AND DR. A. J. MEYER.

2. FYI: OVER PAST YEAR EMB HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO CULTIVATE

AL-QASSIMI RULING FAMILY OF RAK, WHICH AS DEPT AWARE, TENDED TO BECOME ISOLATED WITHIN UAE BECAUSE OF CONTROVERSY WITH IRAN OVER ISLANDS ISSUE AND GENERAL SUSPICIOUSNESS OF SHAIKH SAQR FELT BY OTHER RULERS. IN ITS CONTINUING CONTACTS EMB HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT STABILITY OF UAE WOULD BE ENHANCED BY RAK PLAYING MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN FEDERATION, WHICH MEANS INTER ALIA RULING FAMILY SHOULD BE ACCEPTED AS FULL EQUAL, AND GENUINE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE BY ALL RULERS TO DEVELOP SPIRIT OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE. WE BELIEVE OUR EFFORTS ENCOURAGE GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN RAK AND OTHER MEMBERS OF FEDERATION HAS ACHIEVED SOME SUCCESS. CERTAINLY EMB'S OWN RELATIONS WITH SHAIKH SAQR AND HIS FAMILY HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED OF LATE, WHICH REFLECTED BY GROWING ENCOURAGEMENT OF AMERICAN BUSINESS AND RECEPTIVITY TO PLACEMENT OF USIS MATERIAL.

3. WITH ABOVE AS BACKGROUND, EMB AND ESPECIALLY AMB, ANXIOUS TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS WE CAN TO SHAIKH SAQR'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN HAVING HIS SON ADMITTED TO HARVARD. SINCE NO OTHER SON OF RULING FAMILY WITHIN UAE PRESENTLY ATTENDING US UNIVERSITY, SAQR WOULD CERTAINLY REGARD ENTRY OF ONE HIS SONS INTO HARVARD AS PROUD ACCOMPLISHMENT, AND UNDOUBTEDLY, THIS WOULD LEAD TO FURTHER BROADENING OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THIS IMPORTANT PART OF THE UAE.

ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT INQUIRING OF ADMISSIONS OFFICE AT HARVARD COLLEGE RE POSSIBILITY OF SHAIKH SAUD BEING ACCEPTED AT THIS LATE DATE FOR ADMISSION COMING FALL.

AIDAC BEIRUT: THIS IS OBVIOUSLY UNIV ADMISSION CASE IN WHICH USG HAS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST. BEFORE EMB GETS FURTHER INVOLVED, HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO KNOW HOW SHAIKH SAUD HAS PERFORMED AT AUB EITHER AS FRESHMAN OR IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ORIENTATION COURSE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCREET INQUIRY OF AUB WHETHER SHAIKH SAUD CAN BE CONSIDERED SUITABLE CANDIDATE FOR ADMISSION AS UNDERGRADUATE TO HARVARD.  
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